

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-20 (canceled)

Claim 21 (currently amended): A computer-implemented method of reciprocally ~~publishing~~ and automatically matching data files, the method comprising the steps of:

storing a ~~Category A~~ resume-based data file ~~having~~ containing the qualifications of a particular job-seeker, the qualifications being arranged as a first set of characteristics corresponding to the job-seeker;

storing a ~~Category B~~ job description-based data file ~~having~~ containing the qualifications of a particular job opening, the qualifications being arranged as a second set of characteristics corresponding to the job opening;

associating a ~~Category A~~ first enhancement data object with the ~~Category A~~ resume-based data file, wherein the first enhancement data object comprises a collection of supplemental data further describing the job-seeker;

associating a ~~Category B~~ second enhancement data object with the ~~Category B~~ job description-based data file, wherein the second enhancement data object comprises a collection of supplemental data further describing the job opening;

automatically comparing the contents of the resume-based data file to the contents of the job description-based data file;

automatically comparing the contents of the first enhancement object to the contents of the second enhancement object; and

automatically matching the ~~Category A~~ resume-based data file to the ~~Category B~~ job description-based data file at least partially on the basis of the outcome of the automatic comparison of the contents of the resume-based data file to the contents of the job description-based data file, and at least partially on the outcome of the automatic comparison of the contents of the respective ~~Category A~~ first and ~~Category B~~ second enhancement objects.

Claims 22-23 (canceled)

Claim 24 (currently amended): The method of Claim ~~23~~ 21, wherein the ~~Category A~~ first enhancement object is an assessment of the thinking styles of the job-seeker, and wherein the ~~Category B~~ second enhancement object is an assessment of the thinking styles required by the job opening.

Claim 25 (currently amended): The method of Claim ~~23~~ 21, wherein the ~~Category A~~ first enhancement object is an assessment of the work preferences of the job-seeker, and wherein the ~~Category B~~ second enhancement object is an assessment of the work styles required by the job opening.

Claim 26 (currently amended): The method of Claim ~~23~~ 21, wherein the ~~Category A~~ first enhancement object is an assessment of the professional skills possessed by the job-seeker, and wherein the ~~Category B~~ second enhancement object is an assessment of the professional skills required by the job opening.

Claim 27 (canceled)

Claim 28 (currently amended): The method of Claim ~~23~~ 21, further comprising the steps of:

in response to a command from a first user, facilitating the creation of the ~~Category A~~  
first enhancement object on the basis of input from the first user; and

in response to a command from a second user, facilitating the creation of the ~~Category~~  
~~B~~ second enhancement object, wherein the creation of the ~~Category B~~ second enhancement  
object occurs independently from the input provided by the first user.

Claims 29-137 (canceled)

Claim 138 (new): The method of Claim 21, wherein the step of automatically matching  
includes:

assessing the fit of the job description-based data file and its associated enhancement  
object to the resume-based data file and its associated enhancement object, and

reciprocally assessing the fit of the resume-based data file and its associated  
enhancement object to the job description-based data file and its associated enhancement  
object.